

# **BELIZE**

**No. HR42/1/13**

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

11:30 AM

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**1. Prayers.**

2. Oath of Allegiance of a New Member.

**3. Announcements by the Speaker.**

4. Bill brought from the Senate.

5. Petitions.

**6. Paper.**

No. HR298/1/13 - Central Bank of Belize – Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Fiscal Year 2025.

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)*

**7. Presentation of Reports from Select Committee.**

No. HR299/1/13 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the International Merchant Marine Registry Bill, 2024.

*(The Honourable Chairperson of the Finance and Economic Development Committee)*

No. HR300/1/13 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Law Revision and Law Reform Bill, 2024.

*(The Honourable Chairperson of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee)*

No. HR301/1/13 - Report from the Public Service, Labour, Industry, and Trade Committee on the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2024.

*(The Honourable Chairperson of the Public Service, Labour, Industry, and Trade Committee)*

8. Questions to Ministers

9. Requests for leave to move the adjournment of the House on definite matters of urgent public importance.

10. Statement by Ministers.

11. Personal Explanations.
12. Introduction of Bills.
13. **Motions relating to the Business or Sittings of the House.**
14. **Public Business.**

A. **Government Business**

I **MOTION** *(For Text of Motion see  
Notice Paper attached)*

1. **Motion to Appoint Auditor General, 2025.**

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic  
Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)*

**II BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

1. **International Merchant Marine Registry Bill, 2024.**

Bill for an Act to establish the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize as a statutory body; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. **National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2024.**

Bill for an Act to establish the administrative framework and other necessary mechanisms to enable the provision of equitable, accessible, affordable and quality healthcare services to all eligible persons for the attainment of universal health coverage; to facilitate people centred healthcare that meets the needs of the population; to promote efficiency in healthcare administrative operations; to enable sustainability through appropriate allocation of resources in healthcare, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic  
Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)*

3. **Law Revision and Law Reform Bill, 2024.**

Bill for an Act to repeal and replace the Law Revision Act, Chapter 3 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to modernize the system of revising, consolidating and editing the Laws of Belize; to establish an official Law Reform Commission to allow for the Laws of Belize to be reviewed and reformed on a systematic basis; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Minister of Public Service, Constitutional and Political  
Reform, and Religious Affairs)*

**III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS**

**IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

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10:00 AM

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

**MOTION**

**1. Motion to Appoint Auditor General, 2025.**

**Notice given on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**WHEREAS**, section 109(1) of the Belize constitution provides that the Auditor-General shall be appointed by the Governor-General acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf;

**AND WHEREAS**, the post of Auditor-General has been vacant since August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government having recognized that the post of the Auditor-General plays a critical role in safeguarding public trust by overseeing the use of taxpayer's monies and preventing misuse of resources, promotes transparency and embodies principles of good governance;

**AND WHEREAS**, **MARIA ANNEL RODRIGUEZ** holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Wales and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Belize;

**AND WHEREAS**, **MARIA ANNEL RODRIGUEZ** has considerable experience in the office of the Auditor General and has held senior posts such as Supervisor of Audit and Deputy Auditor General;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House recommends that **MARIA ANNEL RODRIGUEZ** be appointed as Auditor-General effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, until July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2047, when she attains the age of 65 years.